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## CURRENT TOPICS.

ASPARAGUS is the oldest known plant used for food.

MILWAUKEE street car fares are to be reduced to four cents.

PEOPLE who use tobacco to a great degree rarely suffer from cholera.

MINNEAPOLIS trades and labor council wants postal banks established.

AN English Steve Brodie jumped from the Forth bridge, 150 feet high.

THE Sunday-school button is the latest development of the button fad.

THE city of New Orleans is now six inches lower than it was 40 years ago.

A GREAT many American flags are made by sweatshop labor in New York.

THE Indian appropriation bill has been completed. It appropriates \$7,465,000.

THE Chicago Dispatch says there are 3,500,000 unemployed in the United States.

THERE are still 20,000,000 square miles of the earth's surface that have not been explored.

GOV. TURNER, of Tennessee, recommends the extension of the secret ballot to the entire state.

J. W. DURHAM, postmaster of Middleburg, Ky., has a nine-year-old son who weighs 320 pounds.

THE results of the last French census, just published, show a continued decrease in the birthrate.

IT is estimated that 2,500,000 bushels of wheat are being held west of Winnipeg, Man., for higher prices.

IMPERFECT teeth are a sure sign of civilization. Perfect teeth are found, as a rule, only among savages.

PITTSBURGH will follow Chicago with an ordinance forbidding women to wear hats or bonnets in theaters.

TWO LARNED (Kas.) men shipped 16,000 pounds of jack rabbit to a New York commission firm a few days since.

THE draft of the Pacific cable commission has been signed by the British, Canadian and Australian governments.

THE singular punishment for bigamy in Hungary is to compel the man to live together with both wives in one house.

A SLEIGH owned by Alden Rich, of Gouldsboro, Vt., was made 155 years ago, in 1741, but is still in use and good running order.

AN American robin was recently found near Manchester, Eng. British naturalists are wondering how it crossed the ocean.

A TENNESSEE convict is asking for a pardon on the ground that at his trial he pleaded guilty only in order to escape mob violence.

THE tone of a piano is best when the instrument is not near a wall. An even temperature should be maintained in the room.

CECIL RHODES is a hearty supporter of the Salvation army and he has made Gen. Booth an offer of land in Rhodesia for the army's use.

A CRUSADE against Japanese labor has begun at Orangevale, Cal. The Japanese have been warned to leave, under penalty of death.

BOSTON will abrogate its printing contracts and establish a municipal plant. A state plant is now wanted by the Typographical union.

A NEW kind of jackrabbit making depredations at Rialto, Cal., has front teeth several inches long that "curl around in grotesque shapes."

ARTIFICIAL arms and legs were used in Egypt as early as 700 B. C. They were made by the priests, who were the physicians at those times.

VESSELS propelled by wind carry about one-half of the tonnage of the world. In Britain alone 40 per cent. of the tonnage is in sailing vessels.

GEN. W. W. GUTHRIE, of Atchinson, Kan., has established a breed of polled Hereford cattle by starting with a freak in his herd of thoroughbreds.

MISS TOEDTERBERG is the best paid librarian in the world. She looks after a valuable collection of books owned by the Historical Society of Brooklyn.

WILLIAM TURNER, of Pierce county, Georgia, is 101 years old and his wife 99. They were in their teens when they were married. They now have 337 grandchildren.

MRS. SMITH, a hundred-year-old lady at Grantham, Eng., does all her own housework, nurses an invalid nephew, and sells potatoes, which she has planted and dug up herself.

THERE are 32 penitentiaries and over 17,000 jails in the United States. They cost \$500,000,000 to build them. The criminal expense to the country is not less than \$100,000,000 annually.

SINCE Jerry Simpson is returning to congress it is recalled that he was the very first representative to throw dignity to the winds and to appear sailing down Pennsylvania avenue on a bicycle.

At a literary party in Hartford one lady wore a gown made of copies of two sensational New York papers. It is said that there was no difficulty in deciding that she represented the Bigelow papers.

THE Japanese religion demands that a man must worship "on the soil" every day. Princes and rich men evade this by sprinkling a little dirt in one corner of a room, sometimes on a square of cement made for the purpose.

THE air is so clear in the Arctic regions that conversation can be carried easily by persons two miles apart. It has also been asserted on good authority that at Gibraltar the human voice has been distinctly heard at a distance of ten miles.

## FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—SENATE—Tuesday a bill was introduced by Mr. Hill (dem., N. Y.) and was referred to the post office committee proposing to fix the term of fourth-class postmasters at four years, except in the case of appointments to fill vacancies, when they are to be for the unexpired period. The resolution offered by Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) Monday in regard to the violation of the eight-hour law in broom factories by contractors with the navy department was taken up and agreed to. The house bill for free homesteads on public lands acquired from Indian tribes was taken up as the unfinished business. It was advocated by Mr. Allen and opposed by Mr. Vilas (dem., Wis.). The bill went over without action and the senate at 5:40 adjourned until Wednesday.

HOUSE—The proceedings were very tame in the house Tuesday. A number of bridge bills and other minor measures were passed, and at 5 o'clock an adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—SENATE—The first two hours of Wednesday's session were behind closed doors, in the consideration of executive business (the extradition treaties with Argentina and the Orange republic) and the remainder of the day was occupied in the delivery of a speech by Mr. Bacon (dem., Ga.) on the question whether the recognition of a new power was an executive or a legislative act. His contention was that it was a legislative function, one exclusively for determination by congress. A bill appointing the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior and the attorney general a commission to settle the debt of the Pacific railroads to the government was introduced by Mr. Galt (rep., La.), chairman of the committee of Pacific railroads, and was referred to the committee.

HOUSE—The house spent the day on the calendar and passed a number of minor bills by unanimous consent. The bill providing that oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products shall be subject to the laws of the state or territory into which they are transported, was sprung unexpectedly, and its position developed at once, with the result that after a long wrangle a demand for the previous question on the passage of the bill was voted down by a narrow majority. The house then adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—SENATE—The house bill for free homesteads on the public lands in Oklahoma Territory, which has been unfinished business in the senate, came to a vote Thursday after three hours' debate and was passed—yeas 35, nays 11. It was first amended in a very important particular by striking out the words "in the territory of Oklahoma," thus making it apply to all public lands acquired from the various Indian tribes. It provides that all settlers on these lands shall be entitled to patents, on payment of the usual and customary fees and that no further charge of any kind shall be required. It also provides, by another senate amendment, that all sums of money so released, which if not released would belong to any Indian tribe, shall be paid to such tribe by the United States. The bill now goes back to the house for action on the same amendments. An effort was then made by Mr. Morgan to get up the Nicaragua canal bill and to make it the unfinished business, but there was no quorum voting on his motion, and the senate adjourned at 5 p. m. on Monday.

HOUSE—The oleomargarine bill was passed Thursday. Considerable opposition was developed, but it did not prove formidable on the day and may vote on the third reading, which the opponents of the measure accepted as final. The yeas were 136 and the nays 96. Senate amendments to perfect the measure were agreed to without opposition. The bill makes oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products subject to the laws of the state or territory into which they are transported. The remainder of the day was spent by the house in transacting routine business under the unanimous consent rule.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—SENATE—Not in session.

HOUSE—Five hours were spent Friday in disposing of routine business, principally private pension bills. A number of them were passed. A senate bill granting an increase to the widow of Gen. John Gibbon, met with opposition but it went through in its original shape with the president's approval, will give Mrs. Gibbon \$100 a month. Mr. Gillett (rep., Mass.) introduced in the house Friday a bill fixing the age for retirement from the classified service of the United States at 65 years. All officers are to become vacant when the person holding them becomes 65 years old, and no person more than 65 years old is to be eligible to appointment. The act, however, is not to apply to union veterans of the late war or their widows. At the night session of the house a round dozen of pension bills were passed. The widows of Gen. Green Clay Smith and Geo. Morrow were the beneficiaries in two of the bills passed, the former receiving a pension of \$50 per month and the latter \$75 per month.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—SENATE—Not in session.

HOUSE—No business of importance was transacted in the house Saturday. Most of the day was spent in delivering eulogies upon the late ex-speaker, Charles F. Crisp.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—SENATE—Senator Murphy's bill for a new custom house in New York was reported back favorably by the committee on the calendar. The present custom house site is to be used, and the limit of cost is \$5,000,000. The bill to provide for a representation of the United States by commissioners at any international monetary conference was introduced and is to be taken up Tuesday without reference to a committee. The army appropriation bill appropriating over \$21,000,000, was passed without question or remark. There was a few minor amendments which will probably be concurred in by the house, without the formality of a conference. The Nicaraguan canal bill was taken up and made the unfinished business (35 to 16), and after a two hours' speech in support of it by Mr. Morgan (dem., Ala.) the senate at 5:15 adjourned until Tuesday.

HOUSE—The house spent Monday in consideration of miscellaneous matters, business of the District of Columbia occupying the greater portion of the session. Aside from these measures of purely local interest, bills were passed: To prohibit and punish the sale of liquors to the Indians over whom the interior department exercises guardianship, extending for two years the time for the completion of the Kansas, Oklahoma Central and Southwestern railway through Indian territory and Oklahoma; amending the patent laws giving the lines proposed by the American Bar association; to give to the United States the benefit of devices patented by naval officers; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande at El Paso, Tex.; also of a bridge across the Monongahela from Braddock to Millville, Pa.

J. Edward Addicks Nominated.

DOVER, Del., Jan. 19.—The caucus of the republican general assembly Monday evening nominated J. Edward Addicks for United States senator. The democrats of the regular general assembly did not go into caucus at nine o'clock as was agreed to.

The democratic caucus reconvened after midnight and Gen. R. R. Kenney was nominated for senator on the 26th ballot. The nomination of Kenney is virtually a victory for the silver men.

## SPANISH GUNBOAT SUNK.

By a Torpedo, and Those Not Injured Jump Overboard—Insurgents Fire Upon the Drowning Men.

HAVANA, Jan. 10.—Though the insurgents have no navy they do not hesitate when the opportunity offers to attack the Spanish warships. The latest instance of this kind occurred Sunday morning when a Spanish gunboat was sunk by means of a torpedo and many of her crew killed. A detachment of rebels had made an attack upon the forts at Guamo, some distance up the Cauto river, province of Santiago de Cuba, and the Spanish troops fearing that they would not be able to hold out asked for assistance from Manzanillo on the coast. On Saturday night the gunboats Centinel and Relampago left Manzanillo under orders to ascend the river and protect the forts. The commander of the gunboats used all possible speed in running up the coast to the mouth of the river, but when they began to ascend they proceeded very cautiously, suspecting that the rebels might have planted torpedoes in the channel. All went well until the gunboats were opposite a place called Mango, when despite all the precautions that had been taken the Relampago struck a torpedo. Instantly there was a terrific explosion and masses of water were hurled to a great height. The hull of the Relampago was torn open and she once began to sink. There was no time to lower a boat and almost all the extent of the disaster could be realized the vessel went down. Those on board who were not injured jumped into the water and made their way to the best they could in the direction of the Centinel. As soon as it was seen that the Relampago was sinking the Centinel boats were ordered to the rescue. The rebels appeared to be in strong force along the banks of the river and when they saw the Spaniards in the water they directed a heavy rifle fire upon them. The Centinel opened fire upon the rebels, but as they could not be seen and their positions could not be discovered by the smoke from the guns, it is not believed that any serious damage was inflicted upon them.

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The condition of the survivors is such that it is impossible for the Centinel to proceed to Guamo and she therefore returned to Manzanillo where the news of the disaster caused intense excitement.

The official report of the affair states that the commander, second engineer and three sailors of the Relampago were killed and her boatswain, quartermaster, chief engineer, pilot and four sailors wounded. The boatswain of the Centinel was killed and her pilot, second engineer, gunner and six sailors were wounded.

Both gunboats were small vessels intended principally for river service and they did not carry large crews.

Louisville Bank Closed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—The German national bank was closed Monday by order of the controller of the currency. Examiner Escott is in charge. He refuses to make a statement of the bank's condition, but the assets and liabilities will probably not exceed \$100,000. The bank has been doing business 25 years. Bad management is assigned as the cause of the trouble.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—Monday night the directors decided to organize the Southern national bank to take the business of the German national, and the controller of currency was telegraphed for the necessary papers. Sixty thousand dollars were pledged as subscription to the capital stock.

Newport Bank Fails.

NEWPORT, Ky., Jan. 19.—The First national bank, of this city, at the northwest corner of Fifth and York streets, did not open its doors Monday. The news spread with great rapidity, and before long there was a crowd of excited depositors assembled in front of the bank, clamoring for an explanation. No one was allowed in the institution. The officials sent out word that the bank was solvent, but had been forced to close down for lack of ready money. Assurance was sent out that no one would lose anything.

Minister Willis' Funeral.

HONOLULU, Jan. 19.—Correspondence of the United Associated Presses per steamer City of Rio de Janeiro, via San Francisco, January 18. The funeral of Minister Willis took place on the 8th inst. The body lay in state in the great throne hall and was visited by a large number of citizens. The Central Union church was crowded at the services. The procession was headed by 500 soldiers. President Dole and the chief officials of the government attended.

Minnesota Savings Bank Fails.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 19.—The Minnesota Savings bank has made an assignment to Wm. Bickel, Sr., vice president of the defunct Allemania bank, and father of Wm. Bickel, Jr., president of the Minnesota Savings bank. Assets \$250,000; liabilities \$210,000.

The Three Friends Violated No Law.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 19.—The Three Friends has violated no law and she will be released unless new libel is filed in ten days.

## KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

J. F. GREGORY has been commissioned as postmaster at Neosho, Simpson county.

JOHN WALTER, a Henderson Negro, aged 62 years, drank seven cups of whisky in seven minutes, and died 15 minutes later. The bartender who gave him the liquor will be prosecuted.

The dry goods stock of S. and E. Oberdorfer, Henderson, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000. The fire caught from the furnace in the cellar. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

SEVERAL republican applicants have their petitions in circulation for the Elkhorn post office.

A PETITION is being circulated at Versailles, asking Gov. Bradley to pardon Dr. Walker Davis, who has served 12 years of a life sentence for the alleged poisoning of his father-in-law.

BURGESS climbed the fire escape into Guthrie & Watson's dry goods establishment, Lexington, demolished the drawers in a handsome counting-room desk, and received for their pains a nickel and a plugged two-cent piece.

MRS. GEO. LEWIS and her three-year-old child, at Ft. Estill, Madison county, were perhaps fatally burned. The child's clothing first caught fire.

THE St. John's Free Silver club, of Hardin county, consisting of 103 members, has called upon Hon. D. R. Murray, of Cloverport, to become a candidate for circuit judge.

MR. JONAS FERGUSON and Mrs. Nancy Fought, both of Nortonville, were married the other day. The groom is 33 years old, while the bride is 11 years his junior.

THE business block known as the Lexington Business College building, was sold at auction to W. "Hops" Laudeman, the tinsmith, for \$38,850.

THE National Sanitarium association will hold its next annual meeting in Lexington.

At Lexington, Henry Jenkins, colored, who on November 2 killed Avery Reese, a fellow-laborer, by a blow from a spade, and was afterward captured in Oxford, O., was the other evening sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter.

MRS. SOPHIA WISEMAN, aged 50, widow of Ab. Wiseman, prominent as the first abolitionist in Estill county, died the other day of grip.

MR. MICH. BROADUS, aged 85, a well known farmer and an old soldier, died at his home near Lancaster, the other day.

MR. PARKER, the grand jury returned an indictment against Charles Taylor, the confessed murderer of Nellie Stepp. Taylor was arraigned in court and his trial set for the present term.

CAFE, J. H. ROWLAND, republican, has announced that he is a candidate for the post office at Cloverport.

PADUCAH's city directory for the year 1897 has just been issued. The publisher figures that the Purchase metropolis has a population of 23,423.

CONGRESSMAN BERRY has introduced a bill to give Carrollton a \$35,000 post office building.

A WINCHESTER man has sold 2,100 bushels of wheat at \$1.01 a bushel.

NORVIN S. GLOBE, formerly a Louisville councilman, fell dead a few days ago at Chicago.

THE court of appeals decided that the Louisville Gas Co. has no right to charge meter rent.

IT is reported that W. A. Byrd, a deputy United States marshal, was killed in Breathitt county while in the discharge of his duty.

THE republican committee of Trimble county has endorsed Hon. G. W. Lieberth, of Newport, for collector.

JUDGE T. J. SCOTT is announced as a candidate for reelection to the office of circuit judge of the Twenty-fifth judicial district, composed of the counties of Clark, Jessamine, Madison and Powell.

THERE are now four republican candidates for the legislature from Pulaski county. They are D. R. Hubble, John A. Jasper, E. Rainwater and Michael T. Freeman.

MOSES HIXTON, a farmer living on Red Bird creek, ten miles from Pineville, accidentally shot and killed his 14-year-old daughter.

THE post office at Hallsell, Warren county, has been discontinued. Mail to Richardsville.

JUDGE PARKER, in the circuit court at Lexington, handed down his opinion in the city election cases of Zimmerman, Warren and Geers (republicans) against Garland, Foushee and Masuer (democrats) for the offices of city clerk, assessor and jailer. The decision favors the democrats, who are now holding the offices. The suit was the result of alleged illegal methods used by the democrats in the city election in 1895. Now the case goes to the court of appeals on the grounds that the law governing returns was not complied with.

THE attempted fusion between silverites and populists in Lyon county failed.

AT Paintsville, the examining trial of Paris Walters, for the alleged murder of Lindsey Conley, resulted in his acquittal.

TAYLOR BRENT, individual book-keeper of the German national bank, of Covington, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

LEWIS county gained a step in the direction of free turnpikes the other day when the stockholders of one turnpike decided to transfer it to the county.

## THE FARMERS' BANK and TRUST COMPANY, OF STANFORD, KY.

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By provision of its charter, depositors are as fully protected as are depositors in National Banks, its shareholders being held individually liable to the extent of the amount of stock therein at the par value thereof in addition to the amount invested in such shares: It may act as Executor, Administrator, Trustee or Receiver, as an individual.

Condition of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., Stanford, Kentucky, December 31, 1896.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$27,910.93	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Overdrafts.....7,076.19	Surplus Fund.....17,003.80
Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,984.97	Individual Deposits.....1,347.81
Due from National Banks.....41,601.92	Due from National Banks.....2,875.34
Banking House.....6,580.00	Due from State Banks.....6,392.81
Furniture and Fixtures.....930.00	
Cash.....10,705.09	
<b>Total.....\$132,258.90</b>	<b>Total.....\$132,258.90</b>

## Directors.

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